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**DATE:** September 1, 2005

**TO:** Administrative Committee and Regional Council Members

**FROM:** Hasan Ikhata

**SUBJECT:** SCAG Delegation Shanghai Trip Update

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## **SUMMARY:**

Staff will provide members with a status update on the planned trip to Shanghai and Nagoya for elected officials in the SCAG region to experience global Maglev technologies. Briefly, staff has explored many funding possibilities including private, non-profit and government sources. Legal staff is reviewing these possibilities and will be offering advice on the best option for funding. Due to delays in securing funding for the trip, the schedule is being pushed back to January or February 2006. The SCAG delegation will have the opportunity to join a delegation from the San Diego Association of Governments who will also be going to Shanghai and Nagoya. Further, the purposes of the trip may be expanded to include regional priorities such as goods movement, trade and other topics of interest to participants. Staff has been coordinating with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the City of Shanghai and Maglev officials in China.

## **BACKGROUND:**

During the July 7, 2005 Administrative Committee meeting, staff briefed members on an action taken by the Maglev Task Force to organize a trip to Shanghai, China for a delegation of elected officials from SCAG. The Administrative Committee requested a status update on this item during the September 2005 meeting.